

America's Armed Forces are exceptional, because unlike other nations our military not only defends the homeland and our people, but we protect the freedom of all men. In World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and in the Desert Storm our men and women have gone to fight for freedom.

The Korean War, regrettably, has often been referred to as the "forgotten war" because it came so quickly after World War II and was overshadowed on the homefront by the Vietnam War and its associated protests. At the outbreak of hostilities, many feared that this tiny peninsula would be the setting for the eruption of World War III as the United Nations joined with the United States and the Republic of South Korea to stop the invasion of the North Koreans backed by both the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

The great sacrifice to the world made by the members of this newly established chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, and their more than 54,000 peers, was a huge gift to the cause of freedom. As the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall reads: "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

The charter members of this new chapter should be proud of their sacrifices to defend freedom. Many of them lost friends to the horrors of combat. Their lives were changed in ways that no one can imagine, but they also changed the world in ways that we all can clearly see.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these veterans on the establishment of the Sergeant Harold F. Adkison Chapter and in thanking them for their outstanding service to our nation. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude, one that we can never repay.

TRIBUTE TO TRACY EGNATUK OF  
ALBION, MI, LEGRAND SMITH  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Tracy Egnatuk, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Tracy is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Tracy is an exceptional student at Albion High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Tracy has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics, as well as her involvement in swimming and track. Outside of school, Tracy is a tutor for the HOSTS Program and a church volunteer.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Tracy Egnatuk for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SENATOR  
HUGH GILLIS, SR.

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator Hugh Marion Gillis, Sr. for his dedicated service to his country and to the state of Georgia. This year Senator Gillis has attained a distinction achieved by no other member of the Georgia House or the Senate and only one other state legislator in the nation by completing 50 years of service in the Georgia General Assembly.

Senator Gillis comes from a proud family tradition of public service. Without opposition he won the Senate seat that his father left and was then elected President Pro Tem, a seat his father too held. Senator Gillis served 12 years as a member of the House of Representatives from 1941-44, and again from 1949-56, and he first served in the Senate from the 16th District in 1957-58 and returned as the Senator from the 20th in 1963, where he has served with dedication and diligence for 38 consecutive years.

Gillis was born in Soperton where he graduated from Soperton High School and then went on to study at Georgia Military College and earn a B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia.

It has been said that "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Senator Gillis has stood up to the challenge of leadership and power with wisdom and humility to be one of the most respected politicians of Georgia.

He has served in the General Assembly longer than any other Senator currently in office. Senator Gillis is by all accounts the nation's longest-serving legislator. His combined Senate and House terms exceed 50 years. In his years of service, Senator Gillis has served as the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and a member of the influential Appropriations Committee. Other committees Senator Gillis has served on are the Reapportionment Committee and the Finance and Public Utilities Committee as well as the Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee. He has also served for six years as the Senate President Pro-Tempore, the highest-ranking Senate official next to the Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Gillis is known for his legislative work and also for his civic volunteering and community service. Senator Gillis has received numerous awards for his civic work, such as

the title of Treutlen County Citizen of the year. Senator Gillis has served on the boards of Private Colleges, The Georgia Poultry Federation, Georgia Forestry Association, and Future Farmers of America.

Senator Gillis is also a deacon at Soperton First Baptist Church and a member of the Lion's Club. He has served as chairman of the Treutlen County Hospital Authority for 22 years.

Senator Gillis, a widower is the father of two sons, Hugh Jr. and Donald; and a daughter, Jean Marie. By profession, he is a farmer and timber grower.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the many accomplishments that have followed in the path of Senator Gillis' career. I am privileged to know such a dedicated and upstanding citizen and to call him my good friend. I thank him for his efforts to improve the lives of so many others across Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL  
ROBERT L. NABORS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Major General Robert L. Nabors, as he relinquishes his command of CECOM and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey.

Major General Nabors 35 years of military accomplishments will be honored at the retirement and change of command ceremony on Friday July 20, 2001. This decorated officer has been a valuable member of the armed forces. He has helped spearhead the development of advanced command, control, communications and electronic warfare technologies essential for transforming the Army. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star medal and many more.

Major General Nabors grew up in Lackawanna, N.Y. He received a Bachelor of Science in systems Engineering from the University of Arizona and is a graduate of the Senior officials in National Security Program at Harvard University.

Major General Robert L. Nabors has done this country a great service. He has been a leader for this community and for those he has commanded over the past 35 years. I would like to personally thank Major General Nabors for his dedication and service to our nation and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great man.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA'S SENIOR  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE,  
THE LATE STANLEY MOSK

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to California's Senior Supreme Court Justice, the late Stanley Mosk.

For the past 37 years, Mosk served as the court's independent voice and moral compass. His trailblazing decisions brought sweeping changes to California law long before such decisions were addressed at the national level. A vigorous advocate of individual liberties, Mosk lead state courts across the country to use their own constitutions to establish individual rights beyond those required under the federal constitution. In 1976, Mosk wrote the opinion that bars the use of improperly obtained confessions arguing that such confessions could not be used to challenge the truthfulness of a defendant who later testifies. While the U.S. Supreme Court allowed for such use, Mosk invoked the state Constitution and did not approve the practice. His always careful, thoughtful and considerate opinions, totaling 1,688 over the span of his career, were widely regarded and highly acclaimed.

Mosk, the longest-serving member in the court's 151-year history and only Democrat, was known for his shrewd political acumen and often criticized by his adversaries for his focused attention of the states shifting political climate. Nevertheless, Mosk remained dedicated to his role as a public servant and vigilant in his undertaking of civil and criminal law.

A native of San Antonio, Mosk's career as a giant in the court began by serving 15 years on the Superior Court and six years as the State Attorney General. For a time, he served as the Democratic national committeeman from California but became weary of the fundraising component attached to political life and returned to the judicial branch as a member of the state Supreme Court.

While Mosk's independent liberal voice will be missed, the legacy that he has left will continue to serve the people of California.

#### TRIBUTE TO 1107TH AVIATION CLASSIFICATION AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES DEPOT

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to praise the Missouri National Guard for the integral role that they are playing in keeping the Army's Apache helicopters in the air. The 1107th Aviation Classification and Repair Activities Depot, or the MO-AVCRAD, has been the only National Guard group selected to help with this mission.

Recently, an AH-64 Apache lost a tail rotor blade and then the entire tail rotor hub assembly. The good news is the skilled pilots were able to land the helicopter, the bad news is that the cause of the accident is not know. When these accidents happen, several agencies attempt to find out what happened and why. As a precautionary measure a Safety of Flight is issued, mandating that all tail rotor blades be inspected.

This inspection is crucial to ensure that our soldiers are as safe as possible and the MO-AVCRAD is making that happen. The MO-AVCRAD is helping to inspect every tail rotor blade, including those in storage bins.

Mr. Speaker, the soldiers responsible for this critical work deserve to be recognized. I

know the Members of the House will join me in extending a big thank you to the soldiers of the 1107th Aviation Classification and Repair Activities Depot.

#### TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS EBEL OF BATTLE CREEK, MI, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

##### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Travis Ebel, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Travis is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Travis Ebel is an exceptional student at Lakeview High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Travis's involvement in both the Lakeview High School and the Battle Creek Math and Science Center curriculum is truly outstanding. He participates in high school athletics, as well as being a member of the Board of Directors for the Battle Creek Art Center. Travis is also an active volunteer in Calhoun County, dedicating more than 800 hours to community service.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Travis Ebel for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF CULLEN TALTON

##### HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sheriff Cullen Talton of Houston County. His dedication to the people of his county is deserving of the utmost recognition.

Sheriff Talton being one of the most respected sheriffs in the state, became a recipient of the Liberty Bell Award on June 11, 2001. This esteemed award is given by Bar Associations across the United States to recognize special people in their communities. The award praises the achievements of contributions that exceed the work of the common

man. The Houston County Bar Association presents the Liberty Bell Award each year to celebrate the work of someone who has contributed to our legal system beyond the significant call of duty. The recipient of this award is generally someone who has dedicated his life's work to better the legal system in hopes of making his community a better place for those who are to follow.

Sheriff Cullen Talton has lived in Bonaire, Georgia, his whole life. Sheriff Talton has served 29 years as Sheriff of Houston County and 6 years as County Commissioner. While serving his community as a law enforcement officer he has also maintained a personal life that deems recognition as well. Sheriff Talton married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Sears and they have been married for 51 years. Together they have raised four children, Carline, Pattie, Cully and Neal. There are also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Keeping his faith as the focal point of his life he has been a life long member of Bonaire United Methodist Church.

Sheriff Talton is a member of many civic organizations and has received an abundance of awards for his civic work over the past 35 years. Sheriff Talton is a member of the Georgia Sheriffs Association and the National Sheriff's Association. His pet project is serving on the Board of the Georgia Sheriffs Boy's Ranch in Hahira. This Boy's Ranch is a place where underprivileged children can have a home. Sheriff Talton has been honored as Georgia's Sheriff of the Year and has received the Warner Robins/Houston County Chamber of Commerce Good Government Service Award. He serves as a board member of the State of Georgia Department of Corrections and is Chairman of the Board of Security Bank in Houston County.

Sheriff Talton is a successful leader because he believes that the way to take care of the people is to know the people. He has maintained a respected Sheriff's Department because he maintains his open door policy to the citizens. This keeps him close to the community making him aware of its problems as well as its victories. The Liberty Bell Award speak volumes for the work that Sheriff Talton has done. He is greatly appreciated. If it were not for the dedication of people like Sheriff Cullen Talton our counties, states and country could not march forward.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Cullen Talton has devoted his life to better serving his community. He spends tireless energy towards bettering his community and for that Sheriff Cullen Talton deserves our recognition and gratitude today.

#### IN HONOR OF WILLIAM J. GIRGASH

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 16, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of William J. Girgash, a loving father and grandfather, who served his community in various ways throughout his lifetime. He was dearly loved, not only by his